

Could means for slidably supporting a rear end portion of the closure member relative to the handle, including rear slide ^[Q] *clasp* means on the rear end portion of the closure member, through which the handle slidably extends; and ^[mesh] *means for limiting the extent of movement of the closure member* ^[having a central notch] *between the retracted position and the extended position, including a bumper fixed to the handle to prevent rearward movement of the closure member beyond the retracted position.*

Note "clasp" is misspelled here but not in orig cl. When corrected, no need to underline "clasp"

✓ In claim 5, line 1, replace "4" with --1--.

✓ In claim 12, line 1, replace "11" with --9--.

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, claims 9, 10, and 13-20 were allowed. Claims 1-5 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Further, claim 12 was indicated as allowable if amended to depend from claim 9. Claims 6 and 8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicant has amended claim 12 so that it depends from claim 9. As such, claim 12 is in condition for allowance. The recitations of

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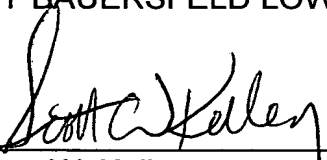
claims 4 and 6 have been added to independent claim 1. Thus, independent claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

From the foregoing amendments, claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, and 12-20 are in condition for allowance, notice of which is hereby respectfully requested.

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